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SENATE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF OFFICE OF
PLANNING, LAND USE COMMISSION, HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY, HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION, AND COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENTS TO ADOPT AND
IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS HIGHLIGHTED IN THE BUILDING
HEALTHY PLACES TOOLKIT REPORT BY THE URBAN LAND INSTITUTE.

1 WHEREAS, many communities and countries are facing
2 troubling health trends; and
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4 WHEREAS, by 2030, chronic diseases will cause 52,000,000
5 global deaths per year, nearly five times the number of deaths
6 from communicable diseases; and
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8 WHEREAS, according to the Hawaii State Plan on Aging, in
9 2030, 29.7 percent of the total population will be comprised of
10 individuals 65 years of age and older; and
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12 WHEREAS, physical activity, access to healthy food and
13 drinking water, and exposure to a healthy environment with a
14 high degree of social interaction are three components that will
15 prolong life expectancy and assure a better quality of life; and
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17 WHEREAS, incorporating a mix of land uses, designing well-
18 connected street networks at the human scale, providing
19 sidewalks and enticing pedestrian-oriented streetscapes,
20 providing infrastructure to support biking, designing visible
21 and enticing stairs to encourage frequent use, installing stair
22 prompts and signage, providing high-quality spaces for multi-
23 generational play and recreation, and building play spaces for
24 children are qualities that promote physical activity; and
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26 WHEREAS, accommodating a grocery store, hosting a farmers
27 market, promoting healthy-food retail, and supporting on-site
28 gardening and farming all enhance access to healthy food and
29 drinking water; and
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31 WHEREAS, banning smoking, using materials and products that
32 support healthy indoor air quality, facilitating proper



1 ventilation and airflow, maximizing indoor lighting quality,
2 minimizing noise pollution, increasing access to nature, and
3 facilitating social engagement are key to a healthy environment
4 with a high degree of social interaction; and

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6 WHEREAS, the design of an environment that promotes
7 physical activity, access to healthy food and drinking water,
8 and exposure to a healthy environment is a key element in
9 combating the risk factors for chronic disease; and

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11 WHEREAS, communities and projects that are able to meet the
12 market demand for land use and health will see their value
13 endure over time; and

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15 WHEREAS, more than half of Americans want to live in a
16 community that has transit, and fifty-three percent want to be
17 close to shops, restaurants, and offices; and

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19 WHEREAS, development strategies that can improve health
20 outcomes, such as providing protected bikeways, minimizing noise
21 pollution, and offering amenities, are highlighted in "Building
22 Healthy Places Toolkit: Strategies for Enhancing Health in the
23 Built Environment" by the Urban Land Institute; and

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25 WHEREAS, the Building Healthy Places Toolkit report
26 outlines twenty-one practical, evidence-based recommendations
27 that the development community can use to promote health at the
28 building and project scale; now, therefore,

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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015,
32 that the Office of Planning, Land Use Commission, Hawaii
33 Community Development Authority, Hawaii Housing Finance and
34 Development Corporation, and county planning departments are
35 encouraged to adopt and incorporate the twenty-one
36 recommendations highlighted in the Building Health Places
37 Toolkit report by the Urban Land Institute; and

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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
40 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Office of
41 Planning, Chairperson of the Land Use Commission, Chairperson of
42 the Hawaii Community Development Authority, Executive Director



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of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation,
 Director of the Planning Department for Hawaii County, Director
 of the Department of Planning for Maui County, Director of the
 Department of Planning and Permitting for the City and County of
 Honolulu, and Director of the Department of Planning for Kauai
 County.

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